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Annotated provisional agenda

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II. Annotations

1. Opening of the Meeting

The Meeting will be inaugurated by a senior dignitary of the Government of Thailand, who will deliver the keynote address. The Executive Secretary of ESCAP will deliver an opening address.

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2. **Election of officers**

The Meeting will elect a chair, a vice-chair and a rapporteur.

3. **Adoption of the agenda**

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (E/ESCAP/HIV/IGM.2/L.1)

Annotation

The Meeting will consider and adopt the provisional agenda, subject to such changes as may be deemed necessary.

4. **Review of national progress in meeting the commitments contained in General Assembly resolution 65/277 on the Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS: Intensifying Our Efforts to Eliminate HIV and AIDS, and ESCAP resolutions 66/10 and 67/9**

Documentation

Overview of progress in achieving universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/HIV/IGM.2/1)

Annotation

Under this agenda item, the Meeting will review the progress made in the Asia-Pacific region on the implementation of the Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS and ESCAP resolutions 66/10 and 67/9, and related efforts to achieve universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support.

As a basis for its deliberations, the Meeting will consider a secretariat document in which the progress and remaining gaps and challenges in achieving universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support through the implementation of international and region-specific commitments are outlined.

Delegations may wish to review national experiences and lessons learned, including good practices in the above-mentioned areas. Delegations may also wish to consider and identify key areas for regional cooperation that would contribute to the further realization of the internationally agreed goals and targets related to HIV by countries of the Asia-Pacific region. The outcome of deliberations under this agenda item is expected to lead to the identification of priorities to enhance national and regional actions to achieve universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support in the Asia-Pacific region.

5. **Assessment of the outcomes of the national reviews and multisectoral consultations on policy and legal barriers to universal access to HIV services**

Documentation

Overview of good practices in conducting national reviews and consultations on policy and legal barriers to universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/HIV/IGM.2/2)

Annotation

Under this agenda item, the Meeting will review national approaches and good practices in addressing policy and legal barriers that impede effective HIV responses, including measures to address stigma and discrimination.

As a basis for its deliberations, the Meeting will consider a secretariat document highlighting good practices in conducting national reviews and multisectoral consultations as a means of addressing policy and legal barriers that hinder universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support in the region, particularly for key populations at higher risk of HIV exposure. The document will also contain an outline of areas in which legislation and other measures should be strengthened to address stigma, discrimination, social exclusion and gender-based violence, and in which meaningful partnerships could be promoted with key stakeholders, including people living with HIV and key populations at higher risk of HIV exposure.

Delegations may wish to exchange information, experiences and lessons learned as a basis for regional cooperation and to enhance national efforts in the above-mentioned areas. The outcome of deliberations under this agenda item is expected to lead to the identification of measures to strengthen regional cooperation in order to enhance enabling legal, social and policy frameworks designed to address stigma, discrimination, social exclusion and gender-based violence related to HIV.

6. Review of the financing of national HIV and AIDS responses

Documentation

Review of the financing of national HIV and AIDS responses in the Asia-Pacific Region (E/ESCAP/HIV/IGM.2/3)

Annotation

A number of countries in Asia and the Pacific have demonstrated their commitment and leadership by increasing domestic resources for HIV responses, including by integrating treatment and care services into national universal health coverage programmes. Other countries in the region depend heavily on external funding, at a time when the global economic crisis continues and international funding for HIV is likely to change. There is an urgent need for countries in the region to identify sustainable sources and innovative mechanisms of financing, and prepare viable investment strategies to ensure that progress can be sustained towards universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support in the Asia-Pacific region.

As a basis for its deliberations, the Meeting will consider a secretariat document outlining the current funding landscape for HIV and AIDS responses in countries of the Asia-Pacific region. The document will also contain an analysis of projected requirements for financing effective responses to the HIV epidemic and propose strategies to increase the quantity, impact and efficiency of domestic spending on HIV and AIDS.

Delegations may wish to share information on their efforts to ensure adequate and sustainable financing for HIV and AIDS responses in their country. The outcome of deliberations under this agenda item is expected to lead to the identification of measures to be taken at the national level and through regional cooperation in order to ensure that a viable financing

strategy exists for ensuring universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support in the Asia-Pacific region, particularly for key populations at higher risk of exposure to HIV.

7. **Enhancing regional cooperation to achieve universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support in Asia and the Pacific beyond 2015**

Documentation

Regional cooperation to achieve universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support in Asia and the Pacific beyond 2015 (E/ESCAP/HIV/IGM.2/4)

Annotation

Under this agenda item, the regional and international commitments made to achieve universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support will be reviewed with a view to reaching a consensus on a set of actions to be taken by Governments in order to intensify their national efforts and to support periodic, inclusive reviews of national efforts and progress made in the region to combat HIV, as called for in the Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS: Intensifying our Efforts to Eliminate HIV and AIDS.

The Meeting may wish to consider and identify key areas for regional cooperation that would contribute to the further realization by Asia-Pacific countries of the regionally and internationally agreed goals and targets related to HIV. The outcome of deliberations under this agenda item is expected to take the form of an agreed framework of actions to be taken at the national and regional levels beyond 2015.

8. **Other matters**

Any other matters raised by delegations and/or the secretariat will be considered under this agenda item.

9. **Adoption of the report of the Meeting**

Documentation

Draft report (E/ESCAP/HIV/IGM.2/L.2)

Annotation

The Meeting will consider and adopt its report.

10. **Closing of the Meeting**

Closing statements will be delivered.

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